

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In prior Office Actions, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 8-12, 16, 24-26, 29-36, and 39-46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukuda (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,667) in view of Gobert (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0080052 A1). In light of Applicant's remarks in the previous Office Action Response, claims 1-3, 6, 8-12, 16, 24-26, and 29-33 are now allowed. The allowance of the above claims is gratefully acknowledged. The Examiner rejected claims 34-36 and 39-43 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming functional descriptive material not sufficiently embodied on a computer readable medium.

In the previous Office Action, claim 34 was amended to recite computer code "stored on the computer readable medium" for applying a filter to the block of transform coefficients. The Examiner argues that the "carrier wave" language should be removed from the Specification. To facilitate prosecution, the Specification has been amended to remove the "carrier wave" language.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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